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1. TEXT OF INFORMAL NOVEMBER 2 SOVIET DRAFT OF PROPOSED
REVISION OF ARTICLES AND 7 OF US-USSR AGREEMENT ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF
MAY 24, 1972, FOLLOWS IN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

"ARTICLE 6

NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO
PREJUDICE OTHER AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE PARTIES, EXCEPT AS
PROVIDED IN SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE 7.

ARTICLE 7

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1. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED A U.S.-U.S.S.R. JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF UNITED STATES AND SOVIET PARTS, OF WHICH THE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES. THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AS A RULE

ONCE A YEAR, IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ALTERNATELY. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ITS OPERATION.

2. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS; PREPARE SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR THE TWO PARTIES; DEVELOP AND APPROVE MEASURES AND PROGRAMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT; DESIGNATE, AS APPROPRIATE, THE AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS OR ENTERPRISES RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES; AND SEEK TO ASSURE THEIR PROPER IMPLEMENTATION.

3. THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW, FOR PURPOSES OF COORDINATION, COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CARRIED OUT UNDER OTHER U.S.-U.S.S.R. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS.

4. TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS, THE COMMISSION MAY CREATE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES, COUNCILS, OR WORKING GROUPS.

5. DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS MAY BE MADE TO ALREADY APPROVED COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED.

6. EACH SIDE SHALL DESIGNATE AN EXECUTIVE AGENT WHICH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE AGREEMENT ON ITS SIDE."

2. THIS DRAFT DIFFERS FROM THE EXISTING TEXT IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

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ARTICLE 6:

AN "EXCEPT" CLAUSE WOULD BE ADDED (SEE SEPTTEL FOR SOVIET SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS).

ARTICLE 7:

SENTENCE ON COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION WOULD BE MOVED FROM

SECTION 3 TO SECTION 1; "DELEGATIONS" WOULD BE CHANGED TO "PARTS" (DELEGATIONS USUALLY INCLUDE SUPPORT PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT COMMISSION MEMBERS); "ON AN EQUAL BASIS" WOULD BE DELETED (THE TWO PARTS ARE NOT EQUAL IN NUMBER AND NEED NOT BE; THERE ARE MORE US MEMBERS THAN SOVIET MEMBERS); AND REFERENCE TO DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS BY THE RESPECTIVE EXECUTIVE AGENTS WOULD BE DELETED (THE CHAIRMEN ALSO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE AGENTS AND DO NOT DESIGNATE THEMSELVES)- SENTENCE ON OPERATING REGULATIONS WOULD BE MOVED FROM SECTION 3 TO SECTION 1 AND WOULD PROVIDE THAT COMMISSION ADOPT RATHER THAN THAT CHAIRMEN AGREE TO REGULATIONS (COMMISSION IN FACT ADOPTED OPERATING REGULATIONS IN 1973).

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS WOULD BE CHANGED FROM "NOT LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR" TO "AS A RULE ONCE A YEAR" (IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT THE COMMISSION MEET PRECISELY ONCE A YEAR; NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 1976; AND MEETING PLACES WOULD BE CHANGED FROM "WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW" TO "THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION" (IT MIGHT PROVE DESIRABLE TO MEET IN LOCATIONS OTHER THAN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW, AS SOME OTHER JOINT COMMITTEES HAVE DONE).

SECTION 3 WOULD BE NEW. SEE SEPTTEL FOR SOVIET SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS.

PROVISION FOR EXECUTIVE AGENTS WOULD BE MOVED FROM SECTION 3 TO A NEW SECTION 6 AND WOULD EXCLUDE SPECIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE AGENTS, SINCE THESE ORGANIZATIONS CHANGE (AS HAD BEEN THE CASE ON THE US SIDE).

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